

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 18, and 26-38 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 29 are independent claims. Claims 10 and 18 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. This Amendment amends claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 18, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 35, adds claims 36-38, cancels claim 2, and addresses each point of rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under § 112

Claims 8, 27, 28, and 30-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that the “specification, drawings, and originally filed claims are silent as to the presence of ‘an output lead,’ a ‘bias lead,’ or a ‘power lead.’ Instead, the disclosure only depicts power, bias, and output terminals.”

The subject matter of a claim need not be described literally (*i.e.*, using the same terms or *in haec verba*) in order for the disclosure to satisfy the description requirement. MPEP § 2163.02; *see also* MPEP § 2163. Drawings alone may provide a ‘written description’ of an invention as required by Section 112. *See* MPEP § 2163.

“Lead” is a generic term used in the electronics arts to refer to an electrical connection (such as a wire) coming from an electronic device. Clearly, the circuits as illustrated in the figures include such connections, such that the written description requirement of § 112 is met. However, in view of the Examiner’s preference for “terminal”, the claims are amended to refer to connections by “terminal”. Withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 29 is rewritten as an independent claim. In addition, new claim 38 is added to recite similar subject matter and depend from amended independent claim 1.

Rejections Under § 102 and § 103

Applicants have amended the claims to more specifically describe the connections between the transistors, and to specify that the three transistors are of a same MOS type. In view of the amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 and § 103 rejections are requested.

New Claims

Applicants add new claims 36-38. Claims 36 and 37 recite relationships between the width/length channel ratios of the three transistors. As mentioned above, claim 38 is based upon claim 29. No new matter is added. Consideration on the merits is requested.

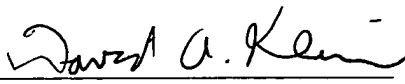
Conclusion

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees determined to be due with the exception of the issue fee and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4209 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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